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**From:** Yeh, Alice  
**Sent:** Mon 7/14/2014 2:01:42 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Participation on a panel

Yes, I have a 10:30 call, but am here now.

-----Original Message-----

From: Judith S. Weis [mailto:jweis@andromeda.rutgers.edu]  
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 9:57 AM  
To: Yeh, Alice  
Subject: RE: Participation on a panel

Are you there now?? I could call you if you are.

> It might be easier to talk by phone, but I'm afraid I don't have your  
> phone number - would you send that to me and I will call to discuss?  
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> Alternatively, my number is 212-637-4427  
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Judith S. Weis [mailto:jweis@andromeda.rutgers.edu]  
> Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2014 1:58 PM  
> To: Yeh, Alice  
> Subject: Re: Participation on a panel  
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> Could you fill me in on a bit of detail about the CAD alternative that  
> you did not choose - I assume it would have required dredging out a  
> lot of sediments from Newark Bay to create a borrow pit. What would  
> have been done with those sediments? I assume they are too  
> contaminated for beneficial use projects.  
> Where would the pit have been located vis a vis shipping channels?  
> If you can provide me with more details and why you didn't choose this  
> alternative I will be a better informed panelist.  
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> Many thanks.

> Judith  
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>> I am helping the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) organize a  
>> forum on confined aquatic disposal (CAD) vs. off-site disposal for  
>> Passaic River dredged sediments. The forum will be on July 22, 2014  
>> at 9am-12pm (see attached flyer).  
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>> I am looking for experts to serve on the panel who can speak to the  
>> potential impacts of a CAD cell on the Newark Bay environment.  
>> Reyhan Mehran (NOAA) and Tim Kubiak (USFWS) recommended that I ask  
>> whether you would be willing to participate on the panel.  
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>> As you know, in April 2014, EPA issued a Proposed Plan for cleaning  
>> up the lower 8 miles of the Lower Passaic River. The Proposed Plan  
>> evaluates four options for the cleanup and describes EPA's preferred  
>> option, which is to cap the lower 8 miles with sand, with some

>> dredging so that the cap does not cause additional flooding and to  
>> allow for the continued use of the federal navigation channel in the  
>> 2.2 miles closest to Newark Bay. EPA is seeking public comment on the  
>> Proposed Plan until August 20, 2014. EPA is particularly interested  
>> in receiving comments on the pros and cons of a CAD in Newark Bay,  
>> and whether EPA should include CAD or off-site-disposal in its final  
>> cleanup plan. The purpose of this forum is to foster discussion on  
>> all sides of the issue, so as to allow people to submit informed  
>> written comments.

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>> At the forum, the audience will submit questions in writing to a  
>> moderator, who will read them to the panel for response. You would  
>> have the option of making a 10-15 min presentation, or just  
>> responding to questions.

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>> Please let me know if you would be interested in serving on the panel.

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>> If you have any questions, please contact me at 212-637-4427 (or  
>> e-mail works!).

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>> Alice Yeh

>> Project Manager

>> EPA

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